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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement

Introduced by: (HED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENT PROTECTION ACCOUNT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10a-22u of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 *October* 1, 2006):
- 4 (a) There shall be an account to be known as the private
- 5 occupational school student protection account within the General
- 6 Fund. Each private occupational school authorized in accordance with
- 7 the provisions of sections 10a-22a to 10a-22k, inclusive, shall pay to the
- 8 State Treasurer an amount equal to [one-half of one] one and three-
- 9 quarters per cent of the tuition received by such school per calendar
- 10 quarter exclusive of any refunds paid, except that correspondence and
- 11 home study schools authorized in accordance with the provisions of
- sections 10a-22a to 10a-22k, inclusive, shall contribute to said account
- only for Connecticut residents enrolled in such schools. Payments shall
- be made by January thirtieth, April thirtieth, July thirtieth and October
- 15 thirtieth in each year for tuition received during the three months next

16 preceding the month of payment. Said account shall be used for the 17 purposes of section 10a-22v. Any interest, income and dividends 18 derived from the investment of the account shall be credited to the 19 account. All direct expenses for the maintenance of the account may be 20 charged to the account upon the order of the State Comptroller. The 21 Commissioner of Higher Education may assess the account (1) for all 22 direct expenses incurred in the implementation of the purposes of this 23 section which are in excess of the normal expenditures of the 24 Department of Higher Education for accounting, auditing and clerical 25 services, and (2) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, and June 30, 26 2001, in an amount not to exceed one hundred seventy thousand 27 dollars in each of such fiscal years for personnel and administrative 28 expenses for the purposes of sections 10a-22a to 10a-22k, inclusive, 29 provided such amount does not exceed the annual interest accrual, 30 which shall be transferred to the appropriation of the Department of 31 Higher Education for personal services and other expenses for 32 positions and responsibilities relating to said sections, provided the 33 department has expended all federal funds that may be available for 34 personnel and administrative expenses for the purposes of said 35 sections. [After disbursements are made pursuant to subdivisions (1) 36 and (2) of this subsection, if the resources of the private occupational 37 school student protection account exceed two million five hundred 38 thousand dollars, no additional school assessments shall be made.]

Sec. 2. Section 10a-22w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

On or before June thirtieth of each year the State Treasurer shall determine the balance of the account established pursuant to section 10a-22u, as amended by this act. Following such determination by the State Treasurer, if the balance of the account is [more than two million five hundred thousand dollars] five per cent or more of annual net tuition income, schools which began payments to the account on or before October 1, 1987, shall cease further payments to the account until it falls below five per cent of such annual net tuition income at

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49 which time payment shall be resumed pursuant to section 10a-22u, as 50 amended by this act. Schools which [begin] began payments to the 51 account after October 1, 1987, shall continue to make payments to the 52 account when the balance of the account is [six] five per cent or more 53 of such annual net tuition income. [for a period of time equal to the number of calendar quarters from October 1, 1987, to the date on 54 55 which the account first equaled said six per cent, provided such 56 schools shall make payments to the account pursuant to said section 57 10a-22u when the account falls below five per cent of such annual net 58 tuition income.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	10a-22u(a)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2006	10a-22w

Statement of Purpose:

To revise the quarterly payment rates and thresholds for the cessation of payments made to the private occupational school student protection account.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]